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**Practitioner's Docket No. D-1067 R3**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of: **Robert D. Symonds, et al.**  
Serial No.: **09/867,183**  
Confirm. No.: **9443**  
Filed: **May 29, 2001**  
For: **Financial Transaction Processing  
System and Method**

**Art Unit 2145**

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**(37 C.F.R. 1.114)**

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:

Prior to abandonment of application.

**ENCLOSURES**

3. Enclosed herewith is:

An amendment.

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